

Amendment to Specification

Please replace the paragraph of the specification beginning on page 4, line 13, and extending through page 5, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

The package 1 also includes sealing elements 33 which seal the container opening 17 when the closure 19 is in place on the container 3. The sealing elements 33 include a first seal 35 comprising an annular sealing flange 37 extending downwardly and inwardly from the end wall of the closure and, as best seen in Figure 3, having an outer sealing surface 39 which engages and seals against an inner sealing surface 41 on the flared portion 13 of the container 3. An annular upper portion 43 of the inner surface 27 of the skirt formed by an annular rib 45 extends downwardly and outwardly from the end wall to form with the sealing flange 37 ~~and~~ an upwardly converging annular gap 47 into which the rim 15 of the container 3 is wedged as the closure is threaded onto the container. The outer sealing surface 39 of the sealing flange 37 forms a first angle α with the central axis 49 of the container while the inner surface 41 of the flared portion 13 of the container forms an angle β with this axis 49. The angle α and β are selected such that there is an interference between the sealing surfaces 39 and 41. Thus, the angle α is larger than the angle β . In the exemplary embodiment of the invention, the angle α is about 23.9° while the angle β is about 21.9° so that the interference is about 2° . Due to the thickness, and therefore stiffness, of the sealing flange 37, the flared portion 13 of the container is deformed to the angle α to provide extended surface and therefore sealing contact between the surface 39 and the surface 41.